

# W. G. WOOD'S SAD WIFE CRIES OUT IN ANGUISH.

Mey Kellard, Who Captivated Him and Left Him Penniless, Laughs in Scorn at the Woman Who Is Prosecuting Her on a Charge of Forgery.



Virginia Wood, the desolate wife, looked at Mey Kellard from the witness chair in the Court of General Sessions, yesterday, with an expression that wished to be disdainful at one moment, indifferent at another moment, and let itself be dissolved, little by little, into tears and cries of anguish.

Under Miss Kellard's eyes Mrs. Wood's fell. This seemed unjust. Mrs. Wood admitted that she had offered \$500 to Mrs. Spencer to procure an indictment, and \$2,000 to procure a conviction of Mey Kellard, and as she walked out of the court room, faltering on the arm of an attendant, her face reflected better than the prosecuting attorney's words had described, the sorrows of her life.

Her husband had never been extremely intelligent. He was fifty years old, and they had been married for more than twenty years. When Mey Kellard, then eighteen, captivated him, he neglected his wife. He spent his money, he dissipated a fortune.

It seemed like the snow under a June sun, said the prosecuting attorney, Mr. Lloyd, and Miss Kellard whispered to her lawyer: "The July sun does not melt the snow in Zemblia."

**Miss Kellard Defiant.**

"Is sarcasm seemed to indicate precisely the impression which Mr. Lloyd's denunciations of her produced upon her mind. He said that she was 'an adventuress,' and she seemed amused. 'A dangerous woman who should be in State prison,' and she shrugged her shoulders derisively; 'a woman in whose hands Mr. Wood, now an inmate in a madhouse, had been like putty in a glazier's hands,' and she had an air of one listening to an absurdity."

To prove that she had forced the special note for \$1,000, signed by Virginia Wood and indorsed by William G. Wood, which entailed her indictment and was the subject of her trial, Mary D. Spencer was the first witness.

Mrs. Spencer, a widow since 1880, was no longer in the business of lending money when Mr. Wood and Mey Kellard, whom she had known for ten years, came to her with that note, in August, 1896. They were willing to sell it to her for \$750 in cash. It was payable in five months, and she was willing to buy it, but she required some security for Mrs. Wood had redeemed similar notes in long instalments, painfully collected.

Wood gave as security a mortgage on his furniture. The note was not paid when it became due, and Mrs. Wood, refusing to pay it, said it was a forgery.

"It had never entered my head," Mrs. Spencer said, "that it might be a forgery. Mrs. Wood had paid so many similar notes before. Then I initiated a civil suit against Mrs. Wood, and later the proceedings resulted in the indictment of Miss Kellard."

**Price of Her Conviction.**

"Did Mrs. Wood offer you \$500 to cause Miss Kellard's indictment and \$2,000 to cause her conviction?" Colonel Robert J. Halse, Miss Kellard's lawyer, asked.

"Yes," Mrs. Spencer replied. "The corners of her lips, pressed tightly, fell in bitterness."

"Did you give the money on the note to Mey Kellard?" she was asked.

"Yes, and she gave it, in my presence, to Mr. Wood," she replied.

"Was your handling of the money to Miss Kellard only a form to comply with the law about discounting notes?"

"Yes."

"What did Miss Kellard say when you told her the note was reported to be forged?"

"She said she did not know that it was," George W. Glavin, Mrs. Spencer's attorney, apparently indifferent to any other consideration than that his client should get her money, said. "Miss Kellard never told me any of the money which Mr. Wood gave on his furniture was dictated by him alone."

"Mrs. Wood's counsel, Abner C. Thomas, consulted with me about causing Miss Kellard's indictment."

"I told Mrs. Spencer that she would receive \$2,000 from Mrs. Wood if May Kellard were convicted."

Then Mrs. Wood walked to the witness chair. A cardinal red ribbon in her hair relieved the somberness of her appearance, all black, with very black eyes, brilliant under a black dotted veil.

"I saw Miss Kellard, for the first time, in 1891 or 1892," Mrs. Wood said, "at a church fair. She was introduced to me by my husband."

**Escorted Her to a Train.**

"I saw her, for the second time, August 1, 1896, standing opposite my house at Watertown, Conn., evidently waiting for my husband. I went to meet her, and took her to the railway station. I said to her: 'You have forged my name to notes amounting to \$20,000. I have paid some of them, to save my husband from disgrace. I will not pay any more dollar on such notes.'"

"What did Miss Kellard reply?"

"She replied, 'I can obtain any amount of money on your notes, whether you sign them or not.'"

"At this May Kellard jumped in her chair as if an electric shock had gone through her, turned round and exclaimed: 'Oh! to her lawyer.'"

"I did not sign the note for \$1,000. I did not authorize Miss Kellard or my husband to sign it," Mrs. Wood said.

"Did you offer money to Mrs. Spencer to obtain Miss Kellard's conviction?" Miss Kellard's lawyer asked.

"Not personally," Mrs. Wood replied.

"Through your lawyer, did you offer \$500 for her indictment and \$2,000 for her conviction?"

"Yes," Mrs. Wood replied.

"Then, you think Mrs. Spencer is not a very good person. Have you any faith in her?"

"Yes," Mrs. Wood replied.

"You don't burn money when you use Journal 'Wants,' but you make money so you have it to burn."

## Mrs. William G. Wood, Testifying Against May Kellard.

At the trial of the so-called Harlem millionaire's captivator, yesterday, Mrs. Wood had at first a disdainful air; but, little by little, under the eyes of the defendant, fixed upon her, the sorrows of the neglected wife overwhelmed her. Mrs. Wood said that May Kellard replied to her accusation of forgery: "I can get any amount of money on your notes, whether you sign them or not." Mrs. Wood admitted she had offered money to convict Miss Kellard.

"No," "Then, why did you authorize the offer of \$2,500 to her for Miss Kellard's conviction? Did you expect Mrs. Spencer to commit perjury?"

**Mrs. Wood in Tears.**

"I had nothing to do with the indictment of Miss Kellard," Mrs. Wood replied, in half-suppressed sobs.

Mrs. Wood said that her husband had inherited about \$800,000 from his father. He gave to her about \$150,000, her dowry right, in 1892. After this he had no real estate and kept no bank account. Hers was in the Hamilton Bank. She never authorized him to sign her name on checks for money there, she said, nor notified banking houses or others that he was signing her name to checks and notes.

"Have you not said," Miss Kellard's lawyer asked, "that the moment Miss Kellard was out of the way you would take your husband out of the asylum?"

"Mrs. Wood replied, 'No.' Her haughtiness had vanished entirely. She suppressed her emotion a little, but as she passed behind the jury box, leaning on the court attendant's arm, she had the despairing appearance of one whom nothing could ever console."

Her husband sat at the long table where May Kellard, her lawyer and his assistants were. He had a strange light in his eyes and turned his head constantly, casting around him the emptiness of his thoughts.

Mrs. Wood's counsel, Albert C. Thomas, of the letter which he wrote to transmit his client's offer of money for May Kellard's conviction.

**MILAN AND HIS QUEEN.**

Wishes to Divorce Nathalie Again in Order to Wed the Beautiful Artemisia Critzic.

**Vienna, Nov. 23.**—Ex-King Milan of Serbia is again seeking to divorce Queen Nathalie in order that he may marry Artemisia Critzic, the divorced wife of his former private secretary, and by whom he has a son.

Madame Critzic's temper at the principal cause of his former separation and divorce from Queen Nathalie, which was decreed in October, 1888.

The divorce between Milan and Nathalie was at the instance of their son, the present King of Serbia, annulled in 1893, in spite of which they have not lived together since. Milan is now, through an inheritance from a cousin, very rich, and therefore independent.

**GARY'S AIM THE SENATE.**

Postmaster-General Making the Political Effort of His Life to Succeed

Arthur P. Gorman.

**Baltimore, Md., Nov. 23.**—Notwithstanding Postmaster-General James A. Gary's reported promise to President McKinley, that he would remain in the Cabinet until the expiration of the President's term of office, Mr. Gary is just now engaged in the supreme political effort of his life—that of electing himself to the United States Senate to succeed Arthur P. Gorman.

Governor Lloyd Lowndes, Judge Lewis E. McComas, General Gary and Congressman Sidney E. Mudd, are considered the leading candidates for the seat, and as the session of the Legislature is little more than a month away, these gentlemen and their friends are working day and night to increase their strength.

Mr. Gary, as is authoritatively stated, has at last secured the consent of the President to make an active canvass for the Senate.

It is also reported tonight that Congressman Mudd, one of the strongest politicians in the State, the man who accomplished the overthrow of Senator Wellington, as the Republican leader in Maryland, may withdraw from the fight and take charge of the Postmaster-General's forces.

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# THE WIFE MAKE HER MIND.

Mrs. Smiley's Strange Complaint in Her Divorce Suit.

FOLLOWED ANTIQUE IDEAS.

She Dared Not Move or Speak or Appear at Meals Without Invitation.

FORCED TO SIGN PAPERS.

These Were Held Over Her While Her Husband Collected a Series of Penalties for Petty Offences and Misdemeanors.

Washington, Nov. 23.—An interesting and very unusual divorce suit has been filed



here by Elizabeth L. Smiley against Charles W. Smiley, her husband, and also her first cousin, to whom she was married in Washington on April 27, 1890. Smiley owns a local printing office, publishes two scientific periodicals and is a member of the Cosmos Club.

Mrs. Smiley declares that she has no will of her own in money matters, and that her husband so controls her that he has often made her believe he was doing her a favor by borrowing \$1,000 of her money at a time. She states in her petition that when they were married she had \$4,000 in money and securities, which he now possesses or controls.

Some time previous to their marriage, her husband had inculcated her with ideas not in accordance with modern civilization, and such was the influence the defendant gained over her mind that before and during her marriage she saw things only in the light in which he presented them to her, rarely exercising her own judgment, so much so that she would put in writing requests to him to do many things utterly at variance with common sense, together with strange admissions as to her personal conduct.

**Fined for Petty Offences.**

For several months, Mrs. Smiley alleges, her husband has pretended to assume that certain things she has admitted in writing were valid reasons for his sending her to the penitentiary, and she should pay fines, varying from 5 cents to \$1, requiring her to pay the same cheerfully and without appeal or argument as to the right or wrong thereof.

Mrs. Smiley says her married life has been one of continuous self-accusation, obsequiousness and fear of her husband's will. She was made to believe it her duty to yield to the slightest wish of an arbitrary and exacting self-appointed judge and master.

**Dared Not Move or Speak.**

She must not move if he desired her to be still, or speak if he wanted silence, or obtrude her presence, even at meals, unless he requested it, and, as far as the commandments of her husband were concerned, she has ever illuminated the dark clouds of his disapproval. No matter how hard she tried to win his regard, or how long she waited for his attention, she was never able to merit his esteem, the mental pain and anguish she has suffered by reason of his cruelty in this respect has been heightened by reason of his false teaching.

She charges also that two years ago her husband took her to Ludden, Md., where she has since lived, and that he has been occasionally, she states, but charges that lately he forbade her to come to his home "because her presence disturbed the atmosphere of his study." In a state of mind to live, he at the same time holding out the inducement that by yielding to this contentedly she might qualify herself to become a governess.

She charges that this was done in order that he might in two years obtain a divorce from her on the grounds of desertion.

The petitioner asks for the appointment of a trustee, for an accounting, alimony and counsel fees.

**KIRK'S HEARING PUT OFF.**

Mandelbaum Is Too Weak to Appear in Court Against Him.

The examination of J. Waldere Kirk, who, on November 13, shot his former business associate, Richard B. Mandelbaum, in the Hotel Gerard, at No. 123 West Forty-fourth street, was postponed yesterday in the West Side Court to December 1.

**Will Fight a \$65,000 Judgment.**

Millionaire Peter Van Schaack of Chicago, fighting the \$65,000 judgment, granted in Brooklyn, by a Sheriff's jury, for the alienation of his son's affections from his daughter-in-law, Florence Van Schaack, yesterday filed a motion before Justice W. M. Smith for the setting aside of the verdict because of a lack of jurisdiction in not serving the papers personally on the Chicago merchant prince. Attorneys for the plaintiff asked for a continuance, which was granted.

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# MINSTREL GIRLS DEFY THEIR BISHOP.

Mount Vernon's Dainty "Snow Drops" Are to Repeat Their Famous Burnt Cork Play.

"Bones" and "Tambo" of the Entertainment Give the Ancient, Unmarried Ladies of the Congregation Credit for Precipitating the Row.

Probably no event within the history of that thriving suburb has aroused greater interest and excitement among the tea cup and saucer society than this effort of the girls to break through the narrow conventionalities of suburban or country village life.

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The women of Mount Vernon are just now divided into two distinct parties and everybody in that usually peaceful suburb is agog with excitement. The bone of contention is the question whether the negro entertainment given by society girls of Mount Vernon, at the Holy Trinity Church, three weeks ago, and to be repeated to night at the Church of the Sacred Heart, is or is not strictly proper.

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**PERSECUTED IN COLOMBIA.**

American Mine Superintendent Says an Alcalde Tried to Levy Black-mail Upon Him.

George W. Schiffer, a resident of Buffalo, who went to Honda in the Republic of Colombia last June to act as superintendent of some gold mines, landed here yesterday on the Atlas line steamer Alleghany. Mr. Schiffer says the Alcalde of Victoria, in which province Honda is situated, persecuted him unmercifully because he refused to be blackmailed. He had made a complaint to the American Consul at Honda, and says that he will bring suit against the Colombian government.

The Alcalde is a judge, jury and executioner. The latter part of these certificates over a tax on whisky sold at the mining company's store in Honda. This whisky is bought from a wholesaler at Victoria, who is required to give a certificate to the retailer showing the number of gallons he has bought. The latter part of these certificates over to the government collector.

Mr. Schiffer was ignorant of this law and did not possess the certificates when called for. As a result he was summoned to Victoria and fined \$100 by Alejandro Cuellar, the Alcalde. All the liquor in the company's store was seized.

This was October 25. Before leaving the court room Schiffer was made to promise that he would return the following day to answer to a suit brought by Enrique Rodriguez, a contractor, who had sold lumber to be used in the mines. Schiffer was taken to a suit brought by Enrique Rodriguez, a contractor, who had sold lumber to be used in the mines. Schiffer was taken to a suit brought by Enrique Rodriguez, a contractor, who had sold lumber to be used in the mines.

The men camped before his door and in the morning seized him, placed him on a horse and took him twenty-five miles through the mountains to Victoria. Rodriguez and his two witnesses were heard, but the superintendent was not allowed to answer, and had to do it.

Several times after this Schiffer was brought before the Alcalde and fined.

**Schooner Runs a Ferryboat.**

The ferryboat West Brooklyn was about to enter her slip near the foot of South street, East River, at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the little two-masted schooner Long Island, bound up the river with a cargo of lumber, struck the ferryboat head on on the port side, near the cabin hood. The two vessels hung together for nearly ten minutes, when the ferryboat, struck in the stern, broke apart and the schooner sank. The ferryboat was towed back to Jersey City. The schooner was not damaged.

**Prince Henry to Command.**

**London, Nov. 23.**—According to a special despatch from Berlin received here today, the German Government considers that the land occupied by the forces of Germany at Kiao Chou Bay, Shantung Peninsula, China, to be insufficient for a naval station, and proposes to enlarge its holdings there "diplomatically." It is possible, it is added, that the Kaiser's brother, Prince Henry, is to be the Admiral in command of the German Squadron in Chinese waters.

**Look Out for Dark Clouds!**

They forecast trouble. Journal "Wants" push away the black clouds of business and lead to bright business world.

# DR. WINTERS AND HIS WIFE FORGIVE.

Reconciliation in Court Between the Cocaine Fiend and His Spouse.

DOCTOR'S CASE FAVORED.

The Mass of Testimony Tends to Establish His Mental Responsibility.

LIKELY TO REGAIN FREEDOM

"I Forgive You Because I Love You," He Said to His Wife, and Adds That His Suspicions Were Unfounded.

The court was rapidly emptying. Judge Hurd and the jury who are determining



the question of the ability of Dr. Frederick G. Winters to control his affairs had gone home. Dr. Winters, standing by the counsel's table, was the centre of a little crowd of friends, patients and brother physicians and others who will not believe that he is or has ever been irresponsible. Back in the shadows of the court room sat a pale, slender little woman, scarcely past her girlhood, with pretty brown hair and confiding eyes that gazed earnestly, pleadingly, at the scene before her. She was Mrs. Nellie Winters, the doctor's wife, who had joined with the brothers of the doctor in the effort to secure his recommitment to an asylum. All through the day she had sat in court and watched the gradual accumulation of testimony that her husband is certainly not now insane, whatever his condition at the time of his removal to the sanitarium.

She had noted the presence of Dr. Carlos R. Macdonald and Dr. Austin Flint, two of the most noted specialists in mental diseases, who will testify that her husband is perfectly competent to manage his own affairs, and in this she saw freedom; the restoration to her husband of his place in the ranks of his fellow men, of his position in the profession in which he had won a distinguished place.

Whatever sentiment was aroused in her by this reflection her next proceeding was at least eloquent to wife and mother. Doctor started from her seat, the fingers of the mother seated by her side caught at her sleeve, but she wrenched herself away. "Don't stop me," she gasped. "This time I will have my way."

A hand softly touched the Doctor's shoulder. He wheeled round and faced his wife, looking at him with all her heart in her eyes.

"Want you speak to me?" she murmured. There was a long pause in her voice. "Tell me that you forgive."

The answer was the ready pressure of his hand on hers.

"I forgive you because I love you," he said. Then the watchful mother drew her away. Thus for the first time in many months husband and wife met on equal terms. The witnesses who testified against him did no more than establish what Dr. Winters has already admitted—that the doctor's condition rather favored the view that Dr. Winters is at the present moment mentally sound.

Finally came the Doctor's vindication of his wife.

"I am anxious that as little as possible shall be said about my wife's behavior," he said, "she stepped out into the street last night, 'because I know now that my suspicions were entirely groundless.'"

**COURT'S SAFE CRACKED.**

Combination Would Not Work and an Expert Was Called In.

In order that the wheels of the Jefferson Market Court might go round, an expert had to crack the big safe yesterday and get out the papers. Chief Clerk Demorest had a day off. He gave the combination to the stenographer, who could not use it.

After several hours' delay an expert was called in. He had a bag of tools and went to work on the safe like a safe cracker. He drilled three holes in the door. Then he broke the combination and was able to open the door. It took him three-quarters of an hour to get the safe open. The expert said that one of the big pieces of steel forming a bolt had got wedged in its place.

Magistrate Mott then opened court.

**MAYOR TO VISIT SNUG HARBOR**

Report That He Will Probe the Charges Against Governor Trask and Dr. Joy.

The Board of Trustees of Snug Harbor met again yesterday to continue the investigation into the management of that institution. Several witnesses were examined during the afternoon by Lawyer Moss. They were cross-examined by Vernon M. Davis.

It was said yesterday that Mayor Strong would pay a visit to the Harbor before the close of the investigation, to take personal cognizance of the charges against Governor Trask and Dr. Joy.

**Thanksgiving Day at King's.**

Thanksgiving Day is here, and King, the great clothing store, is promptly to the front with great bargains. Today 1,000 men's fine winter overcoats, silk lined and Cassimere cloth lined at \$4.95 each; sold regularly at \$10 each. Blue, black and brown jerseys, English motions, raw edge; fleece and imported fleeces, in the lot, \$3.95 for your choice. We also open this evening until 8 p. m. King's, corner Broadway and Park Place; to-morrow, Thanksgiving Day, open until 1 o'clock.

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